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Thanks

- .. To those who have made the decision to become school sponsors ... more to follow.
- .. To NorthAble who kindly sponsored our team at the recent Sunrise Rotary Trolley Derby.
- .. To Sharon Smith, Lisa Smith-Potter, Lisa Clements, Nicola Hodgson, Mandy Brooker, Miranda Poll, Judith Schmid, Rochelle Adams for all their hard work catering at the farm today.
- .. To those parents who contributed food to our recent catering fund-raising effort. Your efforts are very much appreciated.
- .. To those children and parents who supported this week's School Council PJ / wacky hair day.
- .. To those who supported our duathlon competitors this week.

People of the Week

- .. Ethan for coming 1st and Johnathan for coming 2nd in the Sunrise Rotary Trolley Derby.
- .. The Matarau Trolley Derby Team for excellent manners, behaviour and sportsmanship at last Sundays Trolley Derby and Stephen Dunn for outstanding leadership of the Pitt Crew at last Sundays Trolley Derby.
- .. Amia who sang "He's Able" all on her own at the front of her church last week. You did a wonderful job Amia and everyone felt so proud of you.
- .. To Brenda Sinclair and the children who attended the "Cross Laying" Ceremony. You were awesome ambassadors for the school!
- .. The Schmid family from Switzerland for their contributions to our school over the past term. We wish you a safe journey home and hope you will stay in touch.
- .. Those children who participated in this week's school duathlon and to those who achieved hard earned placings.
- .. the School Council for organising a great PJ / Wacky hair day and especially Kayla for exemplary organisation.
- .. Mary Sissons and Rochelle Walker who graduated today with the Bachelor of Nursing Degree. Congratulations!

School Duathlon - Placegetters

A special congratulations to the following children ...

Middle School			Senior School	
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
1 st	Deborarh	Claudi	Michelle	Max
2 nd	Grace	Bradley	Jemimah	Jordan
3rd	Eve	Ethan	Sarah	Reuben

Northland Secondary Schools Triathlon

Well done to Michelle, who achieved 3rd place in the Year 7 Girls category, Max, Harrison, Jordan, Brad for representing our school with distinction.

School Cross Country

Due to changes in the interschool sports calendar, this year our school cross country will take place in week 5 of term 2 (not the customary term 3). Although children will build up to this in the preceding weeks at school, we thought you might like early notice of this change.

Reminder – Anzac Day

Those children attending the Anzac Day Dawn Service, please ensure you are Rust Ave by 6.00am. (Don't forget your School Shirt).

Northland Union Rugby Coach

A Northland Union Rugby Coach will be at school on Monday 15th April and will hold an open game of rugby at lunchtime for Yr 5's and up. If you would like to take part please bring a change of clothes and mouthguard.

Choir

Do you like singing? Do you like group songs? DO you like having fun? Well then you are in luck! Week 1 Term 2 we will be asking for students who would like to part of this years Matarau School Choir. This choir will be performing with other schools at Forum North on the 10th and 11th of September. Please have a think over the holidays as to whether this sounds like you! Mr Schu



Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar. We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

- 19 April Final day term 1
- 6 May Commencement term 2
- 13 May Bible in Schools Programme starts
- 16 May Students attend dramatic production 'Cinderella' at K.H.S.
- 23 May Year 8 HPV vaccinations / Year 7 Boostrix vaccinations
- ... much more to follow in term 2 when dates are confirmed.

Forthcoming Board Elections

If interested in what being on a Board of Trustees involves you might like to visit www.trustee-election.co.nz

Board Election Timeline

- 15 April Nominations called for
- 30 April Roll closed. Supplementary roll open for inspection
- 14 May Supplementary Roll closes
- 16 May Closing date for nominations (mid-day)
- 21 May Voting papers issued
- 30 May Poll closes / election day
- 5 June Results announced
- 6 June New Board takes office

School Trustee Nomination Forms

These were posted to families this week. If you did not receive your form please contact Helen or Donna on Monday. Families are entitled to two caregiver nominations (and two votes – one for each primary caregiver).

Cinderella

On Thursday 16 May children will attend the Kamo High School Dramatic presentation Cinderella. The whole school will be attending this event – leaving school by bus at around 10:15 AM and returning shortly after 1:00 PM. While the cost of travel (\$6-00) will be met from activity fees, paid earlier in the year, children are asked to bring along a gold coin donation to the K.H.S. drama department. More to follow next term.

Learning Support Programmes – Mrs Comrie

Parents of children currently in one of Mrs Comrie's programmes are advised that these programmes will roll over into (at least) the first 4 weeks of term 2. This will give these students a little more time to consolidate their learning. Any questions to Mrs Comrie please. We will assume parental consent for this roll-over unless we hear from you to the contrary next week.

Bible in Schools

If you wished a change in usual arrangements for your child(ren), and have not yet advised the school office, please contact Helen next week - we would like to confirm attendance before term 2.

Can you help

.. our caretaker Jim Palmer to move some of the post peelings (currently at the roadside by our bottom field) to our effluent discharge field (other side of the bus bay)? This is a bit of a job but many hands will make much lighter work. If you think you might be able to lend a hand please contact Jim on 02108224368 (or contact Kevin at school) and we will see what we can organise. Thank you.

International Schools English and Mathematics Competitions

The period of registration for these competitions is now closed. If we received your registration form we will proceed with entering your child. The examination preparation period will start around mid-way through next term. Those who have opted to attend labs are advised that these will start up in week 2 of next term.

After School Labs - Term

Parents are advised that term 2 labs start in week 2 of next term (week beginning 13 May). All labs start at 3:30 and finish at 4:30 and there is no cost to school families. Children are asked to bring a snack for after school and parents are asked please to note the 4:30 pick up time. If you have registered your child for these labs their attendance will be expected unless you advise the office early on the day concerned. Lab days are as follows ..

Mondays - International Schools English Labs

Wednesdays - Science Labs

Thursdays - International Schools Maths Labs

(Please note that there are a limited number of spaces left in both the English and Maths labs - please phone the school office on Monday if your child has been registered in these competitions and you would like to secure one of these remaining spaces).

Science Labs

Thank you for expressions of interest in these labs - forms were issued last week to those children expressing interest. We will confirm placements next week based on the priorities already advised to parents. There are a limited number of places left in this programme and so please contact Kevin on Monday if interested. Generally places will be allocated on a first in basis **with priority to those who applied and missed out last year.**

Lost Property

Please drop by to check our lost property mountain (Between rooms 10 and 11). We will do our best to unite children with their lost items but items not collected by term's end will be donated to charities.

Library Books

If you received a letter advising of overdue library books, and have not yet returned these books, please get them along to school on Monday. Families with outstanding books will receive invoices next week. Please contact Donna with any questions.

Scabies / Headlice / School Sores etc

We encourage parents to keep us informed of any infectious health matters so we can monitor the size of the problem and plan an appropriate action. Thanks to those who have "kept us in the loop".

Public Health Nurses

... Becky Butel and Joolz Jones are available to assist parents with any health matters. They can be contacted on 021 272 2991 or at rebecca.butel@northlanddhb.org.nz or Julie.dones@northlanddhb.org.nz

Final Word

Thank you to staff, children and parents for the many ways in which you have contributed to a fantastic term. It seems that much has been achieved ... programmes bedded in, classes settled, busy and enthusiastic, a great senior camp, goals in place, learning needs identified, a positive tone in the playground and classroom and much more. We appreciate the many ways in which parents have partnered with us and look forward to working with you again in term 2. Have a wonderful term break and travel safely if on the road. No newsletter next week.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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Rugby Players Wanted – for Hikurangi JB1, 7 & 8 yr olds. Training bottom field, Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30pm, Phone Eddie 0212427112.

Help your Child to Learn - A course for parents, Tuesdays 21 and 28 May, 7 - 9pm. FREE. Hosted by SLD Whangarei and Community Education Whangarei (CEW). Held at Kamo High School. The course will look at some of the reasons why children have difficulties with their schoolwork, and consider practical ways parents can offer home support. Bring your friends. Any questions please contact the SLD Whangarei office on 430 0693 or email the office at sldwhang@xtra.co.nz

Hurupaki Educare Holiday Programme – Mon 22nd Apr to Fri 3rd May, Hurupaki School Hall, Kamo, 8.00am to 5.30pm. Fun, daily activities along with 3 outside visits. The programme is OSCAR accredited, WINZ assistance available – conditions apply. Discounts for two or more children from the one family. For further information go to www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz, or contact Christin on 0274-821331 or info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz

Tooniversity Cartooning Workshop - with Andy Griffiths, The Quarry Arts Centre, 21 Selwyn Ave, Whangarei, Mon 22nd April. 12pm - 2pm, Cost:\$30, Suitable for ages 9-16. Requirements: pencils, paper and enthusiasm for drawing.

Circus Kumarani Holiday Programme - A community circus and circus school based in Dargaville but regularly run activities in the Whangarei area. For youth aged 11 – 17. They are **FREE!** OSCAR accredited and we are running a programme for 5 – 13 year olds in Dargaville in the second week of the holidays. For more info phone 09 4395152

Tennis Northland Holiday Programme - Wed, Thurs, Frid - May 1st, 2nd, 3rd for 7yrs to 16 years, Beginners/Advanced Beginners 9am-12pm, Intermediate/Advanced 1pm-4pm. Held at Thomas Neale Memorial Park, Kamo with Tennis Professional Wendy Sykes ph 021 437 505. Cost is \$90 for the 3 days.

Junior Girls Cambodia 2013 Fundraising Golf Tournament - Five Talented Golf Playing Girls from Northland have qualified to attend Sir Nick Faldo's Golf Tournament in Siem Reap, Cambodia 28-30 June 2013. To fundraise we have an Ambrose Golf Tournament Sun 5 May 2013 for Adults. To sponsor a hole or register a team phone Ringi Smith 09 432 9614 A/H 021 150 7254 DAY ringismith@vodafone.co.nz Meet the Girls at BBQ's around town & Tikipunga Market Sun 7-10am

Action Zone Holiday Camp – Apr 21-26, Marsden Bay Christian Camp, for 9-12 yrs. For more info or a registration form please contact Scotty Delemare on 09 4330167 or 0211686397 or actionzonecamp@gmail.com.

KAMO SWIM CLUB PRIZEGIVING RESULTS (FOR MATARAU CHILDREN)

Committee Trophy for Most Improved Male swimmer at Stroke Improvement

Oliver Parker

Committee Trophy for Most Enthusiastic & Hard working Female at Stroke Improvement

Kate Woffindin

Committee Trophy for Most Enthusiastic & Hard Working Male at Stroke Improvement

Reuben Gregory

Club Night Points trophies awarded to: 11 yr boys: 2nd *Caleb Smith*, 12 yr boys: 2nd *Jared Martin*, 3rd *Calum Sapwell*; 8 yrs under boy: 2nd *Brendon Pol*, 9 yr girls: 1st *Emma Verevis*, 3rd *Brooke Verevis*, 10 yr boys: 1st *Johnathan Dunn*, 2nd *Claudio Schmid*, 11 yr girls: 1st *Sarah Powell*, 2nd *Tegan Verevis*, 11 yr boys: 1st *Oliver Parker*, 12 yr girls: 1st = *Ruby Parker*, 3rd *Kayla Sinclair*, 12 yr boys: 1st *Reuben Gregory*, 2nd *Brad Martin*

Hawke Trophy Backstroke: Most improved male 66m backstroke at Club Nights: *Caleb Smith*, **Yovich**

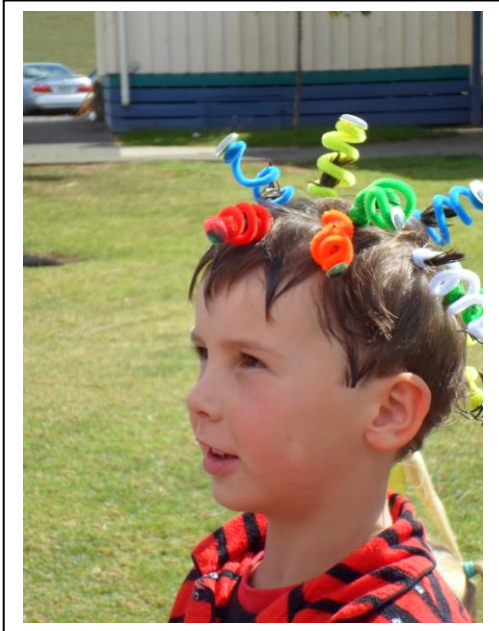
Hayward Cup: Male who has participated with enthusiasm and regularity at Stroke Improvement & Club night: *Brendon Pol*, **Mitchell Cup:** Female who has participated with enthusiasm and regularity at Stroke Improvement & Club night: *Ruby Parker*, **McCahon Points Cup:** Most points accumulated during Club nights Boys Under 12 yrs. Winner – *Caleb Smith* Runner-up – *Brendon Pol* **Committee Points Cup** – Most points accumulated during Club nights Girls 12yrs and over - Winner – *Ruby Parker*; **Committee Points Cup** – Most points accumulated during Club nights Boys 12yrs and over Winner – *Jared Martin*, Runner-up – *Reuben Gregory* **McCaughy Whanau Sportsmanship Trophy** *Calum Sapwell*



On Sunday Matarau School participated in the Sunrise Rotary Trolley Derby. This was a race down Bank Street, there were 20 schools involved with up to 100 competitive drivers taking part.

This was a very intense day with crashes, rivalries, and lots of fun. All races were timed and the fastest four times of the day went into the finals. All of our drivers had incredibly fast times and two of our team made it into the finals: Ethan Hare and Johnathan Dunn. Both boys did extremely well with Ethan taking out the top spot and Johnathan coming in a close second. Both these boys were the only children to have a time under 40 seconds on the day. A big thank you to NorthAble Disability Services for your sponsorship and support, without you this day would not have been possible.

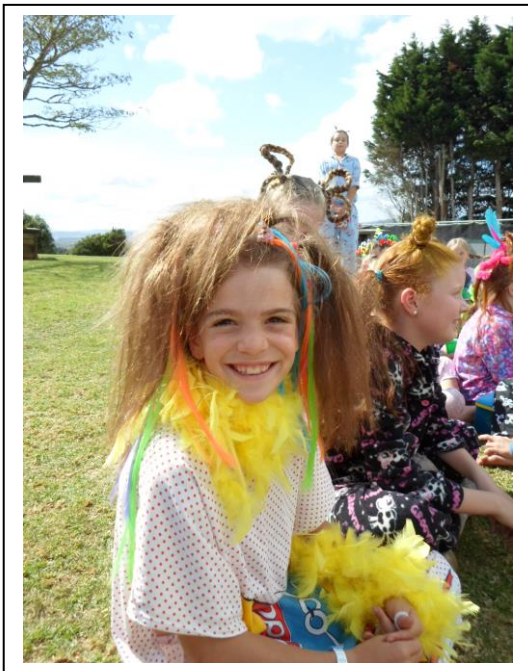
Winners of Wacky Hair Day



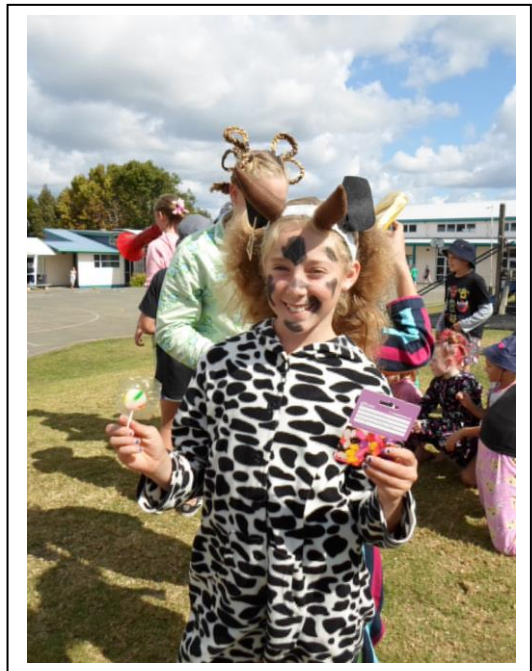
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